

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-24 are pending in the application. In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 7), Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

Although the Examiner acknowledged the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, the Examiner did not acknowledge receipt of "all" certified copies of the priority documents and did not indicate the source of the certified copies of the priority documents. That is, on the Office Action Summary, the Examiner incorrectly checked box 13(b) indicating that "some" certified copies of the priority documents have been received (rather than box 13(a) indicating that "all" certified copies of the priority documents have been received), and did not check box 13(b)(1) indicating that the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in the present application. Accordingly, Applicant requests the Examiner properly acknowledge receipt of all certified copies of the priority documents in the present application (i.e., check boxes (13(a) and 13(a)(1)).

The drawings are objected to because the Examiner maintains that Figures 3 and 4 should be labeled "prior art". Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's objection to Figure 4 is improper since Figure 4 illustrates a connection management command structure according to the present invention (i.e., Figure 4 is not prior art). However, Applicant is submitting replacement drawings for Figures 1, 2 and 3 which are labeled "prior art". Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the objection to the drawings.

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Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner asserts independent claim 1 is indefinite because “is not clear what the inventive entity is trying to encompass by stating the control device being one of all (1st, 2nd and 3rd) devices.” However, Applicant respectfully submits that the § 112, second paragraph, rejection is improper since the claim limitation, “the control device is one of the first device, the second device and a third device”, simply requires that the control device is the first device, the second device or the third device. That is, the control device is not all three devices but rather is one of the three devices. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is both definite and entirely proper under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, since those of ordinary skill in the art can easily ascertain the metes and bounds of the present invention from this claim. Thus, the Examiner is requested to remove the § 112, second paragraph, rejection.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Saito (U.S. Patent No. 6,275,889). Claims 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito in view of Lym et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,631,435). Along with this Amendment, Applicant is submitting a verified translation of Korean Patent Application No. 99-31057 in order to perfect the priority claim of the present application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) and remove Saito as prior art with regard to the present application. That is, Saito has a U.S. filing date of July 26, 2000 while the present application claims priority from Korean Patent Application No. 99-31057 filed July 29, 1999. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the prior art rejections.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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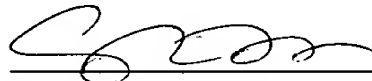
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